

Site Evaluation Process

Final Environmental Impact Statement

Result of public meetings and consultation through State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) process.

Provides coarse guidance for site evaluation in the form of reserve designation criteria (section 3.2.1.3.4)



Aquatic Reserve Site Evaluation Criteria and Ecological Framework
Washington Department of Natural Resources
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Implementation Guidance

Provides justification, best available science and ecological framework for reserve designation criteria.

Describes the specific site characteristics DNR will measure to assess designation criteria.

Includes a 'Site Evaluation Form' that gives structure to Technical Advisory Committee's evaluation of sites.

Portions are currently being peer reviewed by a panel of regional experts.

Commissioner of Public Lands

Receives recommendations from Technical Advisory Committee, DNR staff, reports from public meetings, and supporting materials.

Makes final decision for withdrawal status.

Aquatic Reserve Technical Advisory Committee

Seven member committee recruited through open call for qualified candidates in April 2003.

Future calls for qualified candidates will occur on an as needed basis.

Committee will evaluate sites using Site Evaluation Form.

Evaluation will consider information collected through data compilation, public meetings, consultations, and site visits.

Expertise and Experiences of Technical Advisory Committee

Fisheries Research Biologist – Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fisheries Scientist – Professor at University of Puget Sound
Restoration Ecology – Resource Steward – Washington Parks and Recreation Commission

Zoologist – Environmental Science Consultant and Lecturer in Environmental Sciences, University of Washington, Tacoma
Tribal Natural Resources Director

Senior Aquatic biologist – Washington State Department of Ecology

Wetland Ecologist – Region 10 Federal Environmental Protection Agency

External Peer Review Panel

W. James Barry, Ph.D. – California Department of Parks and Recreation

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Megan Dethier, Ph.D. – University of Washington, Department of Biology

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